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Practitioner's Docket No. 2682/102

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Refaat S. Fanous

Application No.: 10/616,707  
Filed: 07/10/2003  
For: Self-Retaining Retractor

Group No.: 3732  
Examiner: Michael J. Araj

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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### FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	43	— 43	= 0	x \$ 25.00	= \$	0.00	
INDEP.	3	— 3	= 0	x \$ 100.00	= \$	0.00	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 0.00	= \$	0.00	
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$	0.00	

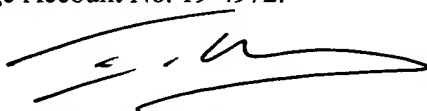
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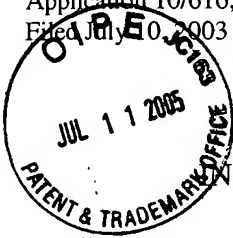
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**Response to Restriction Requirement**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 14, 2005, Applicant responds as follows.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper